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ON the 16th Inſtant his Grace the Lord Lieutenant went with the uſual State to the Houſe of Peers, and the Commons being ſent for thither, his Grace gave the Royal Aſſent to the Bills following.

An Act for exempting Britiſh Linnen imported from all Duties, and granting to His Majeſty an Additional Duty on Cordage, and for the more effectual preventing Frauds and Abuſes in the Hempen and Flaxen Manufactures of this Kingdom, and for the further Encouragement thereof.

An Act for veſting in His Majeſty, His Heirs and Succeſſors, the ſeveral Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments whereon the Barracks in this Kingdom are built, or building or contracted for, and whereon Light-Houſes are or ſhall be built, and for making reaſonable Satisfaction to the ſeveral Owners and Proprietors of the ſame; and likewiſe for amending an Act made in the Sixth Year of Her late Majeſty's Reign, Entituled, An Act to prevent the Diſorders that may happen by the Marching of Soldiers, and for Providing Carriages for the Baggage of Soldiers in their March.

An Act to oblige all Officers to return a Liſt of their Fees by a Day certain.

An Act for Reviving, Continuing, and Amending ſeveral Statutes made in this Kingdom heretofore Temporary.

An Act for Limiting certain Times within which Writs of Error ſhall be brought for the Reverſing Fines and Common Recoveries.

An Act for the better Amendment of the Pavements, and more effectual Cleanſing the Streets of the City of Dublin, and for Removing Encroachments and Nuſances that are or ſhall be erected therein, and Preventing Miſchiefs occaſioned by Drivers of Carts, Drays or Carrs riding thereon; and for Regulating the Selling of Hay in the City of Dublin, and Liberties thereunto adjoining.

An Act for Repealing Part of a Clauſe in an Act made in the ſecond Year of His Majeſty's Reign, by which the Dimenſions of Butter-Casks are aſcertained; and for Explaining and further Amending the Laws in relation to Butter-Casks.

An Act for Explaining and Amending an Act of Parliament made in the Ninth Year of His late Majeſty King William, Entituled, An Act for the Preventing Frivolous and Vexatious Law-Suits, and giving Remedy to the Parties grieved to recover their Coſts at Law in certain Caſes where heretofore no Coſts were given.

An Act for the better Regulating the Town of Galway, and for the Strengthning the Proteſtant Intereſt therein.

And to three private Acts.

His Majeſty's moſt Gracious Anſwer to the Addreſs of the Houſe of Commons, congratulating His Majeſty upon Her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs of Wales being happily delivered of a Prince, was by Order of his Grace the Lord Lieutenant communicated to that Houſe on the 16th, being as follows.

GEORGE R.

HIS Majeſty thanks the Houſe of Commons for their dutiful and affectionate Congratulations on the Birth of a Young Prince, and hopes that every Occaſion of Joy to His Family will always prove ſuch to His People.

Whereupon the Houſe attended his Grace on the 21ſt, with the following Addreſs of Thanks to His Majeſty.

To the King's Moſt Excellent Majeſty.

The humble Addreſs of the Knights, Citizens and Burgeſſes in Parliament aſſembled.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects the Commons of Ireland in Parliament aſſembled, beg Leave to return your Majeſty our hearty Thanks for your moſt gracious Anſwer to our Addreſs of Congratulation upon Her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs of Wales being happily delivered of a Prince.

As your faithful Commons daily feel the many happy Effects of your Majeſty's moſt auſpicious Reign, ſo they doubt not but that every Encreaſe of your Royal Family will be a Means to continue to lateſt Poſterity that Security and Happineſs they now enjoy.

And we crave Leave humbly to aſſure your Majeſty of our ſteady and inviolable Adherence to your Royal Perſon and Government on all Occaſions, and of our firm Reſolution to give ſuch Teſtimony of our Loyalty as will contribute to render your Majeſty's Adminiſtration eaſie and glorious.

On the 23d his Grace the Lord Lieutenant went to the Houſe of Peers, and the Commons being ſent for thither, gave the Royal Aſſent to

An Act for the better Regulating the Corporation of the City of Kilkeny, and Strengthning the Proteſtant Intereſt therein, and Puniſhing Alderman Robert Connell for with-drawing himſelf with the Books and Papers belonging to the ſaid Corporation.

And then his Grace was pleaſed to make a Speech to both Houſes of Parliament, which is as followeth.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

IT is due to His Majeſty's Goodneſs and to the tender Regard he always hath to the Welfare of His People, that you have been called together to conſult what may be neceſſary for the further Security of the Proteſtant Religion and Intereſt of this Kingdom.

You have with great Diligence and Succeſs applied your ſelves to the Diſcharge of that Duty which you owe to His Majeſty and to your Country, ſo that we are now come to what we all earneſtly deſired as well as promiſed our ſelves, an happy Concluſion of this Seſſion of Parliament, in which you have had the Satisfaction to be Witneſſes of the Royal Aſſent to thoſe Bills which have paſſed the two Houſes.

It will be for His Majeſty's Service, as well as the Good of the Kingdom and your private Advantage, that after having employed ſo much of your Time in the Affairs of the Publick, you may now be at Liberty to attend your own; and be enabled by repairing into your reſpective Countries to put thoſe Laws in due Execution, to which the Peace and Quiet we now enjoy are in a great Meaſure due.

But I have it in command from His Majeſty to acquaint you, (before an end is put to the Seſſion) that His Majeſty is very well pleaſed with the hearty